

REMARKS

This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated September 14, 2004, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.

In the subject Office Action, claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph, for depending upon a canceled claim (claim 11). The Examiner will note that claim 17 was amended herein to depend from claim 10, and accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Next in the subject Office Action, claims 10, 18 and 19 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,691,146. Apparently, the Terminal Disclaimer filed by the Applicants on May 19, 2004 was denied for non-payment of fees.

Applicants are unsure as to why the Terminal Disclaimer was denied, as the Terminal Disclaimer itself, along with the transmittal documents submitted therewith, included an authorization to charge the \$110.00 terminal disclaimer fee to Deposit Account 23-3000. Nonetheless, Applicants have once again submitted herewith a copy of the aforementioned Terminal Disclaimer. The Office is hereby authorized to charge the appropriate fees for this Terminal Disclaimer (\$110.00) to Deposit Account 23-3000.

Submission of the Terminal Disclaimer overcomes the double patenting rejection, and accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection, and allowance of claims 10, 18 and 19 are respectfully requested.

In summary, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are novel and non-obvious over the prior art of record. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are therefore respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, the Examiner may contact the undersigned at (513) 241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits

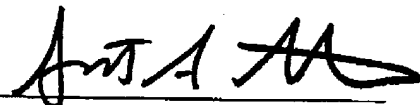
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are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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